George Whitehead's *PROTESTATION* *againſt* Francis Bugg's *PERSECUTION* *and Abuſe of the People call'd* Quakers, *his* (Quondum) **Beloved Friends**; occaſioned by his late ſcandalous Paper, ſtiled, *Some Reaſons*, &c.

Memorandum,

1*ſt*. THat the ſaid *Francis Bugg*, to his perpetual Infamy, invented and divulged in print a famous Piece of ſcandalous *Forgery*, in his extra judical Judicature, Trial and Condemnation of divers Honeſt Men of Good Reputation in and about the City of *London*, as *Perjured* Perſons, for their Teſtimony againſt ſome of his notorious Falſhoods and Perverſions, ſtaging them as ſet in a *Pillory*, Pictured, under the Title **Perjury**, with the firſt Letters of their Names over their Heads; as the notorious ſhew thereof, may be ſeen at large in the ſaid *Bugg's New Rome Arraigned*, Anno 1693. And the Perſons thus defamed, their patiently forbearing hitherto to enter their particular Actions of Defamation againſt him, he has ungratefully requited, by his perſiſting to accumulate Calumnies, and repeat Reproaches againſt the ſaid People, to render them obnoxious.

2*dly*. 'The ſaid *Francis Bugg* has alſo been detected for his preſumptuous *Impiety* and Piece of 'inſolent *Forgery*, in his diabolically inventing, forming and divulging a Sermon in *George* '*Whitehead's* Name, ſtiling the ſame *G. Whitehead's Sermon*, to ridicule, defame and ſcandalize 'him and the ſaid People, and their Annual Meeting, which he terms their Convocation; in 'which notorious Piece of *Forgery* and profane *Romance*, he the ſaid *F. B.* uſeth the Sacred 'Name of *God* and *Chriſt*, *the Light within*, &c. adding there unto, another Piece of abominable 'Forgery and Impiety, in *William Bingley's* Name, as if he preached in Confirmation of the 'other. This prophane impious Romance, may be ſeen at large, in *Francis Bugg's* Book, ſtiled, *The Pilgrim's Progreſs from Quakeriſm to Chriſtianity*; and anſwered by *G. Whitehead*, in his Book Entituled, *The Rambling Pilgrim, or Prophane Apoſtate Expoſed*, Anno 1700.

To his often repeated falſe Story againſt *G. Whitehead*, viz. *That he put in his Anſwer upon Oath*, i. e. *To a Bill exhibited in the Lord Mayor's Court*, April 9. 1695. And not only ſo, but *that they* (i. e. *the Quakers*) *can take a Legal Oath to ſerve their private Intereſt*; *and that there are many Inſtances thereof in the Courts of Chancery*.

Anſw. I who was Defendant, as I did (in my former Anſwer to *F. B.*) deny that I put in my Anſwer upon *Oath*, ſo (in good Conſcience) I do ſtill; for neither did I take an Oath, or Swear at all; for I openly ſignified, that *for Conſcience ſake I could not Swear*; and it was made appear that the Suit was vexatious; for I produced an effectual Releaſe from the Plantiffs, under their own Hands and Seals, pleaded by Counſel in Court in barr of their unjuſt Claim; and my Anſwer was accepted only in theſe Words, *viz. I verily believe my Anſwer is a True Anſwer*: And if *Jurat* was Recorded or Endorſed, that was none of my Act; for it has been a known Form, that ſome Clerks have uſed and entred *Jurat*, or *Juratus*, when no *Oath*, *Imprecation* or *Ceremony* of an *Oath* has been taken or uſed by the Perſons concerned; and I am not of Opinion that *Verily* is an Oath, as ſome are.

As to *F. B*'s. old refuted unjuſt Imputations againſt the ſaid People, *viz. That they are mortal Enemies to the Chriſtian Religion, denying Jeſus Chriſt of* Nazareth *to be the Chriſt, the Son of God, vilifying and contemning the Holy Scriptures, Contempt of Authority*, &c. with many more injurious Aſperſions of the like Nature, often repeated by him; unto which our plain Anſwers have long been extant; being printed and ſold by *T. Sowle* in *White-Hart-Court* in *Gracious-Street*. But this implacable Adverſary will Not be anſwered; he'll take no Anſwers, but repeat accumulate, and multiply his refuted Calumnies over, and over; turn and modelize them into ſeveral Shapes; ſometime into Hiſtory, ſometime into Dialogue, ſometime into Catechiſm, ſometime into a Sermon, Prophane Romance, Scandalous Trial, &c. and all or moſtly but the ſame Scurrilous Rubbiſh, like a mercenary Agent, he will be at work to defame and ſcandilize the People called *Quakers*: And when he hears of any of them attending the Parliament, he goes about peeping and prying, like a buſie Body, in other Mens Matters; and if he hears **Relief** in any Caſe is propoſed, or requeſted by them; then he rakes up ſome of his old repeated Calumnies and Slanders (which he can eaſily do out of his old Books and Pamphlets ſtuff'd therewith) to aſperſe and perſecute them with lying Papers, thereby impoſing on (and abuſing) Authority; which has been his Practice for many Years ſince he left the *Quakers*, and turned Perſecutor againſt them. It has been manifeſt of old, that invidious and perfidious Apoſtates, are the worſt ſort of Perſecutors.

It appears, this Adverſary *would have no Favour ſhewn the ſaid People*, which is an Indication of his *Perſecuting Spirit*, and *Implacable* Envy. Thus he treats the People call'd *Quakers*, ſince he was above 20 Years in Communion with them, and they eſteemed his *Beloved Friends*; *his Dear Friends*, &c.

Friend *F. Bugg* I wiſh thou mayeſt yet find a Place of *Repentance* before thy approaching *Judgment* comes inevitably upon thee.

However know this, That thy Reverend *Abetters* will never gain Honour or Credit to themſelves by thy irreverend Actions, nor be thy Advocates before the Barr of Divine Juſtice, (where you muſt all be accountable) nor will all their *Bounty* toward thee, excuſe thy *preſumptuous Impiety* before the *Righteous Judge* of all.

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